

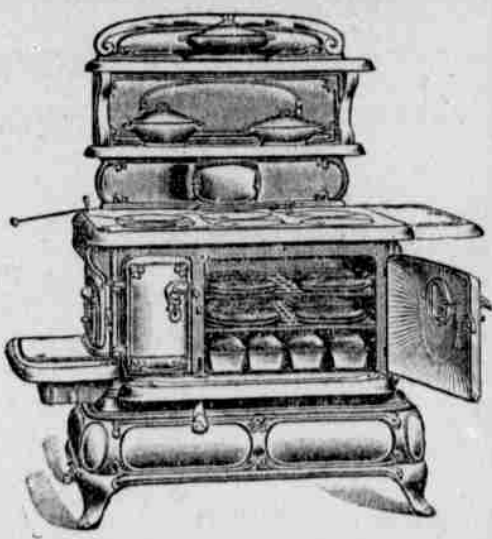
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He Made His Mark, but Wrote A Fine Hand

By PAUL WOODRUFF

While I was serving in the Army of the Potomac in Virginia as captain of B company, —th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry a countryman came into camp and told a pitiful story. He said that he was a Union man and during the secession disputes had nailed a little cotton American flag up over his house and kept it there, even after the state of Virginia had seceded. Just before our occupation of the region a mob had burned the house—the flag fluttering amid the flames—and murdered his wife and children. He happened to be away at the time, and when he returned he found his family dead and his home a heap of charred ruins. He asked to be permitted to enlist, and I took him into my company. He said he could neither read nor write and made his mark instead of signing his name, which was Enoch Saunders.

I put Private Saunders in charge of a drill sergeant, with orders to teach him the manual of arms. A few hours later the sergeant came to me and said that the man was so stupid that it was well nigh impossible to teach him anything and suggested that it might be better to make a mule driver of him. I told him that considering the rapidity with which our men were being killed off we needed food for powder more than men to be killed to death and told him to keep at the job till he made Saunders fit to be shot.

The next I heard of Saunders he was sent from general headquarters under care of an orderly to me with the information that he had asked the general when he proposed to move against the enemy. He was anxious to know since he was thirsting for revenge. I hardly knew what to do with the man. He seemed too ingenious, too stupid to punish, so I explained to him that not even the colonel would dare ask the general such a question as he had asked. He seemed much surprised, and said that if we were not going right on he thought he would just go ahead alone, for he couldn't stand it to be waiting in camp while the murderers of his wife and children were unpunished.

I could scarcely repress a smile as I explained to him that he had enlisted for three years and would not be permitted to fight on his own hook. Whereupon he said he reckoned he would go without permission. I informed him that if he did so and we could get our hands on him he would be shot for a deserter. This seemed to astonish him still more.

I kept my eyes on him and was astonished at the rapidity with which he improved. In a week when seeing him marching out on picket duty I scarcely recognized him for the stupid poor white Virginian who had come into our camp with woeful tale.

The next thing that surprised me was hearing that Saunders had been detailed by the adjutant for duty at the headquarters of the general in

chief. I wondered what he could be wanted for there, but soldiers are not supposed to ask questions of their superiors and I refrained. Besides at that time our regiment was the top of the left wing of the army and nowhere near the general in chief's headquarters.

Not long after this the regimental quartermaster happened to mention having just come from army headquarters and I asked him if he had seen anything there of a red headed recruit from "ours" named Saunders. He said that he had been in the assistant adjutant general's office and had seen a red headed man writing at a pine desk whose face seemed familiar to him. I told him that it couldn't be Saunders, for the man couldn't write his own name.

I thought no more of the matter. We moved forward soon after this and with constant fighting our army passed through many changes. Having been sent to the headquarters of the army by the colonel with a message, I caught sight of Saunders. The general and his staff were in the field and moving, so that no clerical work was being done. Saunders pretended not to see me and moved away rapidly. I pointed him out to an officer of the staff as he was passing out of sight who told me that he was a clerk in the adjutant general's department and had been detailed for that duty because he wrote a splendid hand.

I was so puzzled at this fool who couldn't sign his name writing a fine hand that it took some time for the situation to get through my own stupid brain. By the time it had effected a lodgment there Saunders had disappeared. I hurriedly told the officer who told me about Saunders being a clerk the story of the latter's enlistment, and added that I believed the fellow was a spy. We both went to the general with my suspicions and an orderly was at once sent out for the clerk.

It was too late. Saunders was not found. He was accounted for as having deserted. A year later I was taken prisoner and met him at the headquarters of a prominent confederate general. He was an officer on the staff. He was very kind to me and took great pleasure in telling me how he had got himself detailed as a clerk in the assistant adjutant general's office, where he had access to valuable information he had transmitted to his own commander. On meeting me at our army headquarters he knew his game was up and fled.

Bagged the Wrong Balloon.
The advertising genius of one of the Swiss mountain hotels near Lucerne recently devised the scheme of sending out a balloon attached to which were tickets for free trips and free meals. This apparently harmless advertisement, however, had an almost tragic sequel. A number of peasants in the Wolfenschiessen valley, seeing a balloon hovering above their heads, fetched their military service rifles and opened fire on it in order to bring down the supposed free tickets. Unfortunately the balloon was a passenger one which had ascended from Lucerne. The aeronauts luckily came to earth unharmed, but the marksmen were taken into custody.

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The Gossips Now Link His Name With
That of Miss Laura Webb.

New York, Sept. 30.—The presence of Vincent Astor and Miss Laura Webb, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Edgerton Webb, aboard the Mauretania, which arrived from Liverpool, was enough, in the light of the hours the two young people spent in each other's company, to give rise to the rumor that the Astor fortune might soon have a new mistress.

Mr. Astor returned to this country alone. Miss Webb was with her parents. The friendship between them, which dates from their childhood, offered the most natural incentive for their availing themselves of each other's company throughout the voyage. Friendly gossip was soon set in motion by the young millionaire's attentions to the charming Miss Webb, and though his manner always indicated that he had an inkling of the speculation concerning him and his companion, he never sought to avoid her company.

On the pier Mr. Astor was tactful. Miss Webb merry, when the question of a match was broached. The head of the house of Astor turned it off with the remark that he would not discuss his private affairs. His companion of the voyage laughed and explained that she and Vincent had known each other for years and that their association on the steamer need not be construed as meaning anything more than their already firm friendship meant.

"No, I'm not engaged to marry anyone," she answered, with another laugh. Miss Webb is related to the Vanderbilts by marriage, inasmuch as she is a niece of the late Dr. W. Seward Webb, whose widow is a Vanderbilt.

Don't Eat More Than One Per Cent of Your Weight Per Day.

Harvey W. Wiley, formerly chief of the United States Bureau of Chemistry, writes an interesting article entitled "Intelligent Eating" in the October Woman's Home Companion. He says in part:

"Every pound of useless fat which the human being carries is an impediment to proper activity. A man six feet tall should weigh approximately two hundred pounds. If by strict attention to his diet and exercise he can reduce this weight to 190 or 185 pounds, it would probably prove beneficial, but if his weight is allowed to rise to 210, 220, 230, or even 240 pounds, he enlists himself to that extent for his duties."

"Let anyone who is accustomed to physical exercise, and suited thereto, climb a long steep hill. If his weight is normal and his health good, he can do this without any very great fatigue; let him then begin at the foot of the hill and carry a weight of forty pounds, and note the effect that this will have. The man who weighs forty pounds more than he should—and there are thousands of them in this land of ours—is forced constantly to carry this quite unnecessary handicap."

"Food for special activities, or special public or private duties, is a matter which has not received any very great scientific attention. No set amount of food can be arbitrarily chosen for the brain-worker or other professional man. In general it may be said that a man of little exercise will eat less than one per cent. of his weight of dry food per day. Any marked excess of food, or excessively starchy or sugary food, must also be avoided by the man or woman of sedentary habits."

New Map of Alaska.

A map showing the mineral resources of Alaska has just been issued by the United States geological survey and has been placed on sale at 10 cents a copy, or 86 a hundred copies. The map is 17 by 24 inches and by the use of a number of colors graphically portrays the known information regarding areas which are underlain by anthracite and high-grade bituminous coal; those which may contain such coal; those known to contain low-grade bituminous coal and those which may contain such coal; those known to contain lignite and those which may contain lignite. All these different classes of coal lands are shown by separate colors for their respective areas, and areas of gold and silver quartz, gold placers, copper lodes, tin deposits, petroleum areas, and gypsum mines are indicated by various symbols in red. Marble quarries are also shown. The map thus shows at a glance, in a general way, what is known of the mineral resources of our farthest north territory. The map was compiled under the direction of Alfred H. Brooks, geologist in charge of the division of Alaska mineral resources in the survey.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

May Robson Comes to Barre Next Wednesday Evening.

May Robson has achieved the unusual distinction of being the best delineator of eccentric women having a quaint humor. It has been stated, and the statement frequently repeated, that women in general have no keen sense of humor. Miss Robson is assuredly a living contradiction to this assertion. May Robson is an actress of exquisite pose, enunciation clear and distinct, and her transitions from touching pathos to joviality are a revelation. In the new play, "A Night Out" she will appear in the character of a good-natured, but eccentric old lady who is held in great esteem by her two grandsons, since she simply dotes on them and enters into their love troubles, acting as a sort of guardian; therefore, she easily persuades the boys to take her to a fashionable restaurant in New York. She is entirely innocent of the character of the place, and is enjoying the novelty of the surroundings, when the police raid the place. "Grannum" and the boys are hustled into the street by Mitza, the dancing girl and a policeman, whom Grannum has bribed. Arriving home they find the doors locked and the lights out. The boys overcome this by climbing up the ivy and assisting Grannum through the window. Her hat is crushed, jacket torn, appearance generally not of the very best. The complications arising from this early morning return form the basis of the humor and ludicrous situations. The character of Grannum affords Miss Robson full opportunity for her natural gifts in the portrayal of eccentric characters, in which the expressions of pathos and humor are so alternately and naturally expressed. Miss Robson will appear at the opera house next Wednesday night, Oct. 2nd.

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Scene From Act II, "Bought and Paid For."

which has passed its 450th performance at the playhouse in New York city, and which bids fair to eclipse all records held by the dramatic attractions for the past ten years in that city. "Bought and Paid For" tells a true story of American married life, and shows to the auditor a phase of the marriage problem and the dilemma of a girl who has become the wife of a man different from the one she anticipated. This furnishes the serious thread of the play which, however, carries an amusing vein of comedy. Every member of the cast to be seen here is identically the same that appeared at Brady's playhouse during its successful run. Patrons are urged not to delay in securing seats early, as there seems to be a great desire on the part of out-of-town people to see this play.

Property of Silas Gidding, a well-known Castleton farmer, was attached for \$1,500 Friday by Sheriff E. C. Fish in a suit in Rutland county brought by Dr. A. G. Root of Albany, N. Y., through Attorney T. W. Mononey of Rutland, as counsel. The case is returnable at the Barre, 1913, term of court. The suit is an action in common counts to collect a bill of \$1,000 which is the amount charged by the surgeon for removing an abscess from the back of one of the defendant's ears.

BOY HELD FOR SHOOTINGCHUM

Edward Varney of Brattleboro in
Newfane Jail

FLOYD NICHOLAS THE VICTIM

Bullet from Revolver Held by Charles
Varney Lodges in Floyd Nicholas'
Lung—He Will Probably
Recover.

Brattleboro, Sept. 30.—Edward Varney, aged 14, was held without bail in the municipal court Saturday on a charge of shooting with intent to kill Floyd Nicholas, his 10-year-old chum. Nicholas is in the Brattleboro hospital in a serious condition as a result of a revolver wound below the heart. According to the police, Varney said that the shooting happened when a revolver he handed to Nicholas was discharged accidentally.

The shooting occurred about 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon on Brattle street, Brattleboro. The bullet is thought to have lodged in his left lung and at a late hour Saturday evening it had not been located. The wound was caused by the discharging of a 22-calibre revolver in the hands of Edward Varney, 14-year-old son of Charles Varney of Centerville.

The Varney boy, accompanied by Harry Smith, 10, son of H. A. Smith, went up Brattle street and were there behind a rock until Nicholas came along the road. It is understood that the two boys claim that Varney started to hand the revolver to the Nicholas boy, but that the gun discharged before the victim took it.

The Varney boy went home and told his sister what had happened, and she immediately telephoned to C. S. Hopkins, Dr. G. B. Hunter was called, and the victim of the affair was taken to the hospital, where he was resting comfortably Saturday evening. It is thought that he will recover.

State's Attorney Frank E. Barber was notified and a warrant was issued for the arrest of the Varney boy, who was taken into custody Saturday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff C. J. Knapp. The boy was taken to Newfane jail.

Delay Probe of New York Police.

New York, Sept. 30.—The aldermanic committee investigating graft in the police department adjourned for a week yesterday to give its counsel time to map out plans for the investigation which wouldn't interfere with the trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. District Attorney Whitman had protested previously that a continuance of the investigation along certain lines might hamper the prosecution.



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LIVING WAS HIGH IN BABYLON, 1500 B.C.

Youth Wrote Letter on a Brick Kicking
at Boarding House
Fare.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Letters written from 4,000 to 1,500 B. C. in uniform bricks have been translated by Dr. F. C. Eilen of Chicago University, professor of Old Testament Interpretations. A youth near Babylon in 1500 B. C. kicked on his boarding house fare. He took a lump of clay and carefully inscribed the following: "To my father, from Zimri-Eramma: May the gods Shamash and Marduk keep thee alive forever. May all go well with thee. I am stationed in Dair-Sin, on the canal Bitniskirim. The house where I live there is no food which I am able to eat. Here is the third part of the speck which I have sealed up and forward to thee. Send me for this money fresh fish and other food. The cost here is high."

This love letter has date of 4000 B. C.: "To Bibeye from Gimil-Marduk: May Shamash and Marduk grant thee, for my sake, to live forever. I write this

to inquire after thy health. I am now settled in Babylon, but I am in great anxiety because I have not seen thee. Send news when thou wilt come, that I may rejoice at it."

How to Keep Grapes Until Christmas
In the "Idea Department" of the Woman's Home Companion appears the following:

"Any of the fall grapes may be kept fresh till holiday-time by dipping the ends of the stems in paraffin wax and then wrapping each bunch in tissue paper, twisting it firmly to keep out the air, and packing the grapes in layers in a basket with sheet wadding in between each layer. Only perfect grapes should be used."

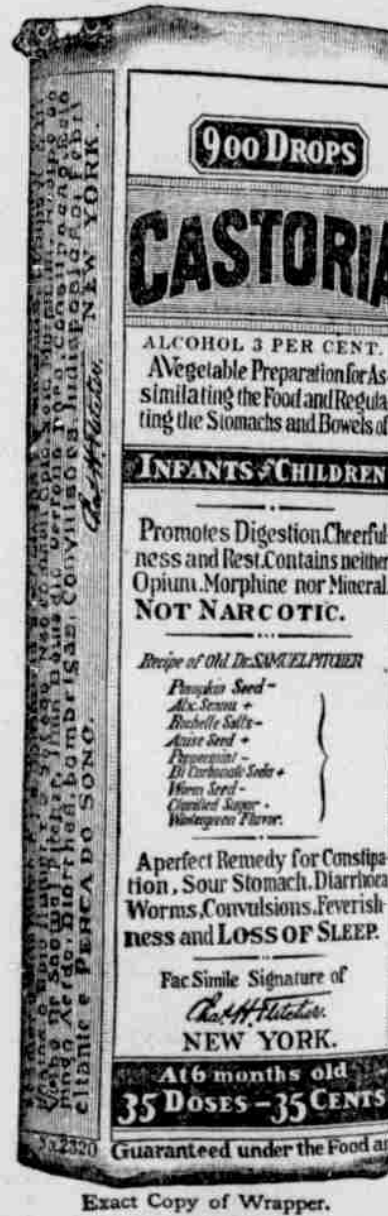
David Belasco to Dramatists.

David Belasco's article in the October Century on "The Playwright and the Box Office" will contain expert advice to seasoned dramatists, as well as to those that would reach that estate. It is Mr. Belasco's position that even the veterans forget the elementary lessons in play-building, and that all that write for the stage should study the "front of the house" even more carefully than the stage itself.

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